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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a): the total aid received by the country from various foreign financial institutions/countries during the last three years;

(b): whether the aid granted by these FFIs was fully utilised during the above period;

(c): if not, the details of the aid which remains unutilised till March 1999;

(d): the commitment charges paid by the Government during the above period to various foreign financial institutions/countries; and

(e): the steps being taken by the Government for proper utilisation of aid in time?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a): The following was the amount of aid, from foreign financial institutions/countries, received during the last three years:

(Figures in Rs. Crore)

1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
8498.38	9924.92	11101.22

(b) & (c): Since Projects are implemented over a period of time, there is at any given point of time, an inevitable stock of undisbursed funds. The unutilised loans and grants as on 31.3.1999 were Rs.47700 crores and Rs.6428 crores respectively.

(d): The commitment charges paid during the last three years are as under: (Figures in Rs. Crore)

1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
49.65	47.59	41.79

(e): Some of the steps taken by Government to improve aid utilization are ensuring adequate provisioning for externally aided projects, streamlining of procurement procedures, disintermediation on flow of external aid to Central Public Sector Undertakings, quaraterly review with Executing Agencies, setting up of a Project Management Unit in the Department of Economic Affairs, strengthening Project Management Units/Project Monitoring Cells in ninen States and Five Central Ministries, appointment of Noda Officer for the States and regular review of projects with respect of quality at entry. A system of monitoring the projects on the basis of quarterly milestones of important activities has also been introduced.